

PICTURE SCANDAL

Committee Tells About Purchase of Rokeby Velasquez.

ENORMOUS PRICE IS PAID

No Transaction Connected With the Arts Has Had so Much Scandal Attached as Purchase of the Picture.

LONDON, May 20.—A full explanation of the purchase of the Rokeby Velasquez for \$225,000 is given in the annual report of the national art collectors fund just published.

Edmund Gosse declared last month that "no transaction connected with the arts has for many years been wrapped in such a tissue of scandal and tittle tattle as this buying of the 'Venus' of Velasquez. The committee has but to be explicit, and this fabric of malevolence falls to dust." Mr. Gosse added:

"The picture," the committee controlling the fund say in giving a full account of the transaction, "was sold in 1905 by H. E. Morrill for \$160,000 and passed into the hands of Thomas Agnew and sons, with whom as sole owners, the committee has conducted all negotiations from the beginning.

"The Agnews exhibited the 'Venus and Cupid' in London in the autumn of the same year. A special meeting of the executive committee was summoned forthwith, and having unanimously agreed as to the importance of the picture approached the owners with a view to securing it for the nation.

"On the understanding that the picture should go to the national gallery, Messrs. Agnew offered it for \$225,000, at which sum they undertook to repurchase it at any time during the next two years.

"Messrs. Agnew voluntarily furnished information of a confidential nature as to the total cost of the picture to themselves, including commissions, interest and other expenses. With the particulars thus placed at its disposal, the committee agreed that the price asked was justified. It had reason to believe, moreover, that the amount asked was substantially smaller than any intending purchasers were prepared to pay."

SHE TOLD HIM!

An Astoria dude with narrow striped clothes saddle colored shoes, a loud necktie, hair parted over his nose, and smoking a cigarette, addressed his best girl thus: "If you was me and I was you, what would you do?" The Astorianne hesitatingly said with a smile: "I would take off that hideous tie, put that cigarette in the stove, part my hair on one side; and pray to God for brains."

Sciatica Cured After Twenty Years of Torture.

For more than twenty years Mr. J. B. Massey, of 3322 Clinton St., Minneapolis, Minn., was tortured by sciatica. The pain and suffering which he endured during this time is beyond comprehension. Nothing gave him any permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application of that liniment relieved the pain and made sleep and rest possible, and less than one bottle has effected a permanent cure. If troubled with sciatica or rheumatism why not try a 5-cent bottle of Pain Balm and see for yourself how quickly it relieves the pain. For sale by Frank Hart, and leading druggists.

WARNING!

To Clean Up Premises.

Mayor Wise announces that on June 7th will expire the time of grace allowed by the city to property owners, in which to clean up their premises. The city authorities are determined to see to it that the streets and yards, back and front, are relieved of all rubbish and filthy debris, and if owners of property do not obey the order and ordinance in this regard, there will be something doing for them in the way of contributing a liberal fine toward the city's running expenses. The fine is not less than \$50, so that cleaning up is easier on the pocketbook, than allowing the property owned by you to remain in its present condition. The chief of police has been instructed to arrest any person after June 7th who has not complied with the city's mandate. This order is no bluff. Get Wise! Clean Up!

REPUBLICAN ENGAGEMENTS.

Campaign to Open in Good Shape During the Present Week at Astoria.

The abnormal apathy of the Clatsop campaign is to be broken sharply this week, and the republicans are to line up and "take notice," and "give notice," of the things that inspire their presence in the field.

There will be a rousing republican rally, at Gilbert's Hall, in Seaside, on tomorrow, Tuesday night, when ex-Governor T. T. Geer, one of the clearest and most forceful speakers in the state, will head the list of orators, and he will be followed by all the county candidates. A large number of Astorians are going over to the gathering and this is the exactly correct thing to do; the meeting should be a rouser for the initial break of the campaign, and there is no such thing as too many people nor too lively a spirit.

On Wednesday night, following, Governor Geer will be the guest and orator of the party in this city, the hosts gathering at the Star theatre in this city, when there will be a big and enthusiastic crowd to meet him and the Clatsop candidates, and hear the best of the best arguments from the best men in the local field.

On Saturday night when the full staff of republican candidates for Clatsop county, will assemble with another host at Svensen, to expedite the cause of republicanism as represented in this county; and here, again, there should be a swinging crowd of Astorians to fill the "bleachers" and lend eclat to the occasion.

On Thursday night, May 11, the Governor-to-be, James Withycombe, is to head a brilliant list of speakers, at a meeting in Logan's Hall, in this city, when the cap-sheaf will be put on the campaign, with all the snap that republican Astoria possesses. It will be the closing engagement of the campaign, and will be a very pronounced and successful affair. And in the interim, it behooves all good republicans to keep these assemblies in mind and permit no one else to forget them, but to concur in making each and every meeting a ringing success, predatory of the final and supreme success of June 4th.

Sore Nipples.

A cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Sermons of Yesterday

Rev. Rydquist of the First Lutheran church spoke last evening on the subject of "Prayer as a Communion With God." A very large audience was present. He said in part:

"It is well that we remind ourselves the import of prayer especially in this materialistic age, when the demon of worldliness seems to receive so much worship and homage. As Christians, we must not bow our knees to this modern Baal, we must not worship at his shrine. We acknowledge with sorrow that the influences to do so are very strong. It is undoubtedly the spirit of the age to be so involved in business and affairs of this world that little time is given to prayer and communion with God. But that does not discourage us as Christians. There are yet seen thousand in Israel who have not bowed their knees to Baal. Let us fervently pray that we may be found among that number. The voice of God shall also be heard above the din and voice of business life even in this age. Fellow Christians, let us be the mouth pieces of this voice. Let us sound it abroad. Let us pray the God of salvation to give us strength and courage to stem this tide of worldliness if it be but a ripple thereof.

"I wish in this connection also to call your attention to another feature in our modern life which does much to discourage prayer. I would call it the Ghost of Deism; and it is much more dangerous than Hamlet's ghost of old because it is more real. I will briefly explain to you what I mean by the ghost of Deism. Deism establishes the existence of God on reason entirely and disregards revelation. The Bible is not the word of God. The progress and development of the human race and God's handy work in nature are only the expressions of certain laws governing the universe. God the supreme ruler and architect of the universe, etc., has removed from the scene of his creative activity. His abode is somewhere in the infinite beyond. He governs by the laws only which he once for all has established, and according to these laws the great wheel of the universe runs on and on until—yea until it runs down, and then? There is where the longing soul leaves the teachings of Deism, there is where that same soul places a question mark reaching up to heaven, and in the search for an answer he flees to God, to his revelation. Deism does not only establish the existence of God, according to reason but tells us that we must believe in a supreme being in order to be saved. Of course who and what this supreme being is, and where he is, Deism says we cannot know. Thus far the old heathen philosophers Plato and Socrates came in their reasoning. There is therefore certainly no advancement in philosophy much less in religion by the teachings of Deism. Though men may not profess Deism its spirit is prevalent today. It permeates society as a poison. It is a crude devised by the ingenuity of the arch-enemy of man in which he lulls the conscience of men to sleep, and in which he rocks the disquieted soul to rest.

"The spirit of Deism discourages prayer as a communion with God, because it removes God so far from us, his whereabouts is unknown, and he does not deal directly concerning himself with affairs of men. How can men pray to such a God, and if they pray their prayer is certainly not a communion with God. Secondly, it discourages prayer as a communion with God because it is sufficient to belief in a supreme being, in order to be saved. Men will acknowledge that they believe in a supreme being. But they ruin their own lives by intemperance and vice and the lives of others by their sensuality and greed. Yet in death the spirit of Deism opens wide the door to eternal blessedness and heaven. There is the poison in a nut shell. (I do not longer wonder why men stay away from church, why interest in the Christian religion is slack, why public worship and prayer is ignored, why the sweet incense of prayer does not ascend from the sacred altar of the home). Friends and fellow Christians, let us open our eyes to these truths, and let us open our hearts to the spirit of prayer.

"Prayer, according to Luther, is the soul's communion with God. This establishes the blessed nearness of God and that he is directly interested in our welfare. For otherwise we could not commune with him, and prayer would have no meaning at all. He has promised that he is very near unto them that are of a humble and broken spirit, and inclineth to their prayers. Blessed promise and assurance. Christ also promises in our gospel text that 'Whoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he

will give it to you.' Such promises ought to encourage us to pray.

"God speaks to us in his word, the soul answers in prayer. And thus true prayer become a conversation with God. He reveals himself not only in his word, but in all things visible. He speaks to us not only in his word, but in all things audible. He fills all nights and depths with his presence. He besets us on all sides by his council, and there is no soul open to his influence in which he does not breathe his spirit. Oh, it is your privilege to commune with such a God—would that you could see it—and to live in the consciousness of such a communion."

HIGHER LUMBER PRICES.

Some complaint is coming from various sections of the Pacific Northwest relative to the advance in lumber and the increased cost of construction. The history of all the great producing sections of the country, however, indicates that the development is not one to occasion surprise. Higher prices for our lumber product are inevitable, and a comparison of stumpage values in Washington and Minnesota, or other states which were supposed to possess an inexhaustible supply of timber a few years ago, indicates that enhancement, while gradual, is likely to become a permanent feature of the situation.

With the widening of the markets reached by the railways centering in the Pacific Northwest there is certain to follow higher prices, based upon the law of supply and demand, and Washington can certainly view with equanimity the upward movement. Based upon an estimate of 200,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, an advance of a dollar in stumpage would represent an increase in the wealth of the state of \$200,000,000, while upon a yearly cut of 3,000,000 feet the returns for industrial operations provides an annual increase of \$3,000,000 for disbursements among the manufacturers, timber land holders and laborers of the state.—West Coast Trade.

BAR AND BAY NOTES.

The five-masted schooner Louis got away to sea in the forenoon tide yesterday bound for San Francisco.

The steamer Grace Dollar went to sea at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, bound for the Earthquake City.

The steamship Barbaonta came down from Portland at 1 p. m. yesterday and left out for San Francisco on the night flood.

The steamer Alliance left Portland last evening and will be at the Callender pier this morning, en route to Coos Bay and Eureka.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn is due here from Portland early this morning, on her way to Coos Bay, Eureka, San Francisco, and San Pedro.

The steamer Redondo is also due down from the metropolis this morning on her voyage to San Francisco.

The steamship Breakwater should be down this evening or in the morning, from Portland, en route to San Francisco.

It is Dangerous to Neglect a Cold. How often do we hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and has gained its great popularity and extensive sale by its prompt cures of this most common ailment. It always cures and is pleasant to take. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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Will overcome indigestion and dyspepsia; regulate the bowels and cure liver and kidney complaints. It is the best blood enricher and invigorator in the world. It is purely vegetable, perfect harmless, and should you be a sufferer from disease, you will use it if you are wise. R. N. Andrews, editor and manager Cocos and Rockledge News, Cocos, Fla., writes: "I have used your Herbina in my family, and find it a most excellent medicine. Its effects upon myself have been a marked benefit. Sold by Frank Hart's drug store."

For County Judge

C. J. TRENCHARD

Regular Nominee Democratic Party.

MOTTO:

Continuation of Good Road Work; Completion of Court House; and Upbuilding of Clatsop County.

BURIED YESTERDAY.

The funeral of the late Oscar Nordstrom took place yesterday afternoon from the home of the deceased's brother-in-law, Walter Howard, at the corner of Fourth and Bond streets, Rev. Rydquist officiating. The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery.

I. R. & N. STOCKHOLDERS.

Meet and Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the I. R. & N. Co. was held on Monday last. J. P. O'Brien, vice-president and general manager of the I. R. & N. Co., O. R. & N. Co., and the Southern Pacific in Oregon, and James G. Wilson, representing the legal department of the O. R. & N. Co., were in attendance including other stockholders. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

E. H. Harriman, president, New York; J. P. O'Brien, vice-president, Portland; E. R. Budd, secretary, Ilwaco; Alexander Millar, assistant secretary, New York; Frederic V. S. Crosley, treasurer, New York; J. N. Newkirk, assistant treasurer, Portland; Erastus Young, general auditor, Omaha; H. J. Sterling, auditor, Portland.

Trustees: E. H. Harriman, J. P. O'Brien, E. R. Budd, James G. Wilson and C. H. McKinney.

NORTHSHORE FISH NOTES.

The catch of salmon in Baker's Bay in the traps has been light this week. A few more trappers have put out gear. The water is still muddy, and as it is rising the prospect for good catch is slim. There is no change in prices.

The run of fish still continues very slack and while it is rumored in some parts of the river that the demand is great that the price has been advanced at certain stations yet, this cannot receive any verification. The salmon are wanted but no rise in the price produces any more. The "wise" fishermen and canners have announced that this is to be another late season for the big runs and also that the run will be "big" when it does come. The little trap and seine gear has been placed in the water is simply an expense as little or nothing is done with it.—South Bend Journal.

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Eczeema and kindred diseases have often been declared incurable, but the reports now being received regarding D. D. D. prescription indicate that a remedy has at last been found which really will and does remove this curse from thousands of sufferers.

Letters from every part of the country indicate that people are being cured of eczematous diseases by the simple external application of D. D. D. liquid. A few drops applied give instant relief. Then gradually the skin is cleansed and finally not a vestige of the disease remains. The cures appear to be permanent, at any rate no cases of a recurrence of the disease have been reported.

We are advised that until further notice the proprietors of the remedy will send a large size sample bottle of D. D. D. prescription free to any skin sufferer who has never used the remedy and wants to test this marvelous quick relief from an itch that no other remedy will allay.

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Advertisement for Mennen's Borated Talcum Powder. Includes text: 'A Word of Warning', 'Don't buy substitutes for MENNEN'S BORATED TALCUM POWDER.', and images of product tins.

Advertisement for Sherman Transfer Co. Includes text: 'Sherman Transfer Co.', 'HENRY SHERMAN, Manager', and '433 Commercial Street Phone Main 121'.

Advertisement for Tongue Point Lumber Co. Includes text: 'WANTED', 'Saw Mill Men, \$2.25 per day.', 'Yard Men, \$2.00 per day.', 'Ten Boys, Over 16 Years Old to Work In Box Factory.', 'TONGUE POINT LUMBER CO ASTORIA, ORE.'

Advertisement for Weinhard's Lager Beer. Includes text: 'Weinhard's Lager Beer.'

Advertisement for Ruberoid Roofing. Includes text: 'Five Reasons Why You Should Use RUBEROID ROOFING', 'To Make a New Roof or Repair Your Old One', and 'THE FOARD & STOKES CO. ASTORIA AGENTS.'